



Yoshiki NAKAGAWA et al.

Art Unit: 1711

Examiner: Mullis, J.

Atty Docket: 1581/00180

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2001.

Claims 1-32 are now in the application.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicant hereby elects the following species:

- 1) living radical polymerization produced block copolymer;
- 2) (meth) acrylic monomer at page 25, line 7; and
- 3) (meth) acrylic polymer at page 36, lines 3-4.

Regarding the above item 3), the election of species is being made with traverse.

In particular, polymer (I) contains an alkenyl group. Any blocks formed from the polymer (I) have a structure derived from this alkenyl group. This structure corresponds to a common technical feature under PCT Rule 13.2. Thus, a block formed from a polymer (I) shares a common technical feature with any other block formed from another

RECEIVED
JUL 10 2001
TC 1700 MAIL ROOM

polymer (I). Therefore, the Examiner's requirement concerning the election of a single polymer (I) is not deemed tenable.

Claims 1-14, 18-21, 24 and 30-32 read on the elected species.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Burton A. Amernick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Burton A. Amernick (24,852)
Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP
1990 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036-3425
Telephone: 202-331-7111

Date: 7-03-01